THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 4th August 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I must tell the House that to-day the question-time will last only an hour. Half an hour has been reduced on account of Gayatri Japam."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" On a point of information, Sir. Having conceded half an hour for the benefit of those who would perform puja, may I know how many Members of this House partook in the puja? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member might have partaken in that puja. I think the Hon. Minister Sri Manickavelu would have taken part in it." (Laughter.)

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Secondary Education Commission.

* 1899 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the recommendations of the Secondary Education Commission headed by Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Copies of the report have been obtained and kept in the Library of the Legislature for reference."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" இந்த அறிக்கையில் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கக்கூடிய சிபார்சுகளில் எவற்றை சர்க்கார் அங்கீகரித்திருக்கின்றனர்? எப்பொழுது நடைமுறைக்குக் கொண்டுவரப்போகின்றனர்? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar with the Director of Public Instruction and the Principal of the Teachers' College and Sri S. Natarajan, President, South Indian Teachers' Union, as members to advise the Government on the various recommendations of the Secondary Education Commission and to suggest to us by what stages they should be implemented. The report is awaited."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. As far as this question (main question) is concerned, I do not think that it is in the form of a question at all. It does not ask for any information. It is a request. Is it a question? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is a question."

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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know whether the recommendations of this Commission will be placed before this House for discussion before they are implemented inasmuch as there is difference of opinion between two schools of thought, namely, the headmasters on the one side and the officers concerned with the Madras University on the other? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is with reference to University education whether there should be a three-year degree course with one year pre-University course. As far as the high school course is concerned, I think the controversy has ended to a certain extent."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether the Government will appoint a third Committee if they think that the recommendations of the Committee now appointed require further scrutiny? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If the hon. Member is anxious to serve on the Committee, I shall consider it." (Laughter.)

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" யுனிவர்ஸிடி கோர்ஸ் பற்றித் தான் அபிப்பிராய பேதம் இருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். மற்ற விஷயங்களில் அபிப்பிராய பேதம் இல்லையா? பள்ளி ஆசிரியர்களது சர்வீஸ், சம்பளம் ஆகியவை பற்றிய சிபாரிசுகளை நடைமுறைக்குக் கொண்டுவருவதுபற்றி சர்க்கார் ஆலோசனை செய்கிறார்களா? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The question put by the hon. Member Sri Daivasigamoney related to the number of years in the secondary education course and in the University course and it is only with reference to that that he put the question. I said that as far as the secondary education course was concerned, the controversy had died down to a certain extent, but not fully. As far as the other things are concerned, they are under the active consideration of the Government."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Since one year of the University course is shifted on to the secondary education course, since, as the Hon. Minister himself says, the controversy has not subsided completely and since education, secondary and primary education in particular, is very important will the Government give us an opportunity to discuss the Report? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Certainly, this House will be given an opportunity to discuss the various matters relating to the reorganization of education from top to bottom. We are awaiting the Report of the Elementary Education Committee and we have already got the Secondary Education Commission's Report and the University Commission's Report. All these should be taken together. If necessary, we shall place it in the form of a White Paper and we may have a discussion here."

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Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" While being very grateful for the assurance given by the Minister that the House will be given an opportunity to discuss those schemes, we want a categorical assurance that before the recommendations are implemented, they will be placed before this House for discussion and that only after the House comes to a conclusion in regard to those recommendations, they will be implemented. May I request the Hon. Minister to give a categorical assurance in this manner? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry I cannot give such a categorical assurance. There may be recommendations which are non-controversial and about which there is no difference of opinion. I do agree that with reference to controversial matters it may be necessary to place them before the House."

Sri P. SELVARAJ :—" May I know the financial implication of implementing this scheme? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have not yet taken a decision with regard to implementation of the various recommendations. When we take a decision, the financial implications also will be worked out."

Construction of roads.

* 1900 *Q.*—Sri O. CHENGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from a local M.L.A. to construct a road from Andalkuppam-Madavaram-Amoor and Mettupalayam connecting the roads, Ponneri to Meenjur and Ponneri to Nellore High Road; and

(*b*) if so, when the work will be taken up for execution?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Member has been informed that part of the road work suggested by him, namely, from Amoor to Anapambattu, may be taken up under the Local Development Works programme, if the necessary contribution is forthcoming from the public."

Sri O. CHENGAM PILLAI :—" ஐயா, இந்த ரோடு சர்வே செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? எவ்வளவு பணம் செலவாகும் ? என் கிராம மக்களுக்கு இது விஷயம் தெரிவிக்கப்படவில்லை ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கேட்ட ரோடு பூராவும் போடுவதற்கு நாற்பதாயிரம் ரூபாய் ஆகிறது. அவ்வளவையும் இப்பொழுது எடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டியதில்லை. முதலில் ஆமூர், மேட்டுப்பாளையம் இவற்றிற்குப் போடும் ரோட்டை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளலாம். ஆனால் சாதாரண ரோடு போடுகிற முறையில் போடுவதானால் கால தாமதம் ஆகும். ஆகவே ஸ்தல அபிவிருத்தித் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் எடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டும். இதற்குக் கிராமத்தினர் தம் பங்கை செலுத்துவார்களானால் இந்த ரோடு போடும் வேலை உடனடியாக எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படுமென்று கனம் அங்கத்தினருக்குத் தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது."